

Québec students call for accessible education

by Anne-Marie Perrotta

McGill students met on Wednesday to discuss strategies to support and take part in the Québec students' association December 2 day of action.

Students across the province will occupy government offices to protest Education Minister Claude Ryan's proposed loans and bursaries reform, "until they tell us to go away," said Association nationale des étudiants et étudiantes du Québec (ANEEQ) representative François Giguère.

Students from across the province fear Ryan's reform will make it more difficult to obtain bursaries. The government has transferred \$130 per student from bursaries to loans.

The government cut \$20 million from the loans and bursaries system in 1986.

Last Wednesday, Giguère and Jeff Begley, Responsable aux affaires for the arts, literature and social science students' association at UQAM (AGEUQAM) spoke to 15-20 concerned students about the future of the Québec loans and bursaries system. "They want us to believe that a tuition increase will help the [Québec universities'] \$300 million debt," said Begley. "That's a lie."

According to Begley, if tuition fees were doubled, they would add \$90 million to Québec university funding. Of that, \$50 million would go into the loans and bursaries system, leaving only \$40 million, representing three per cent of the debt.

The government insists that if they increase tuition fees, students already receiving financial aid in the form of loans and bursaries will have their grants raised proportionally. But the government has yet to make this proposal public.

ANEEQ has tabled four demands for loans and bursaries reform. They want a "realistic" reduction of the \$2300 contribution the government assumes all parents make to their child's education. They also want the government to abolish the contribution spouses are expected to make.

Students should also be considered independent as soon as they leave their parents' home, regardless of age, ANEEQ says, rather than only if they are married, have more than 90 credits towards their degree, or have spent more than two years in the workforce.

ANEEQ also wants students in outlying areas to have their transportation costs paid for, regardless

of whether they receive loans or bursaries.

McGill, Concordia and Université de Montréal, although not members of ANEEQ, have tabled similar demands.

At an October Council meeting, McGill Students' Society (SSMU) resolved to have a campus-wide "information campaign" to make McGill students more aware of the issue. Apart from two advertisements which appeared in the *Daily* and the *Tribune* announcing the general assembly in October, which drew just 50 students, there has been no sign of an information campaign from SSMU.

The organizers of Wednesday's meeting were concerned McGill and UQAM students.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30 to discuss McGill's day of action. "We will probably have a postcard booth," said former SSMU VP External Mark Cameron. Students will be asked to sign postcards to be sent to Québec Premier Robert Bourassa's office saying "We want reforms now."

Pay equity to be studied at McGill

by Aislinn Mosher

Organizations that might assist women in academia, such as McGill's new Centre for Research and Teaching on Women, "are completely underfunded and exist on pin money," according to Margaret Gillett, acting Director for McGill's new Centre for Research and Teaching on Women.

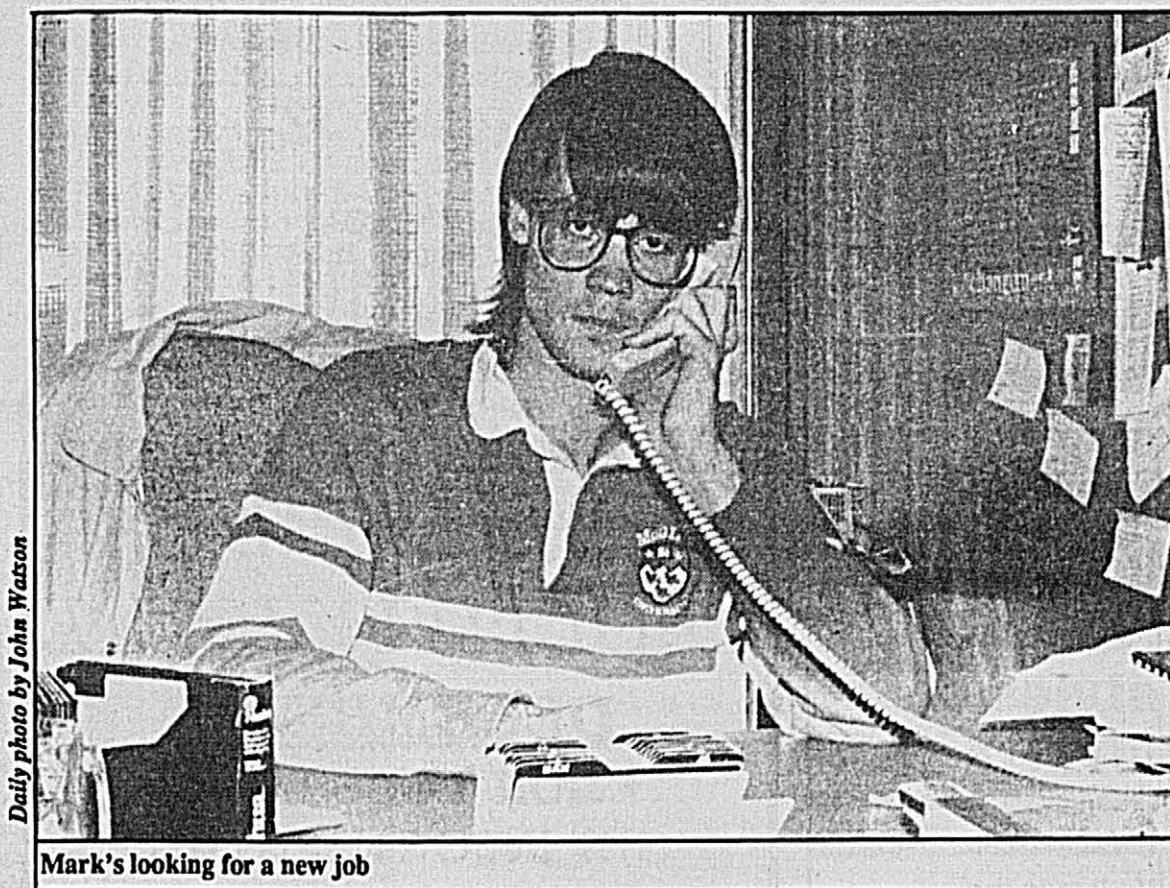
In September the university received \$55 000 from the provincial government to implement a study on gender equity at McGill.

Anora Shaughnessy, from the office of the Executive Assistant to the Principal, has been appointed coordinator of McGill's new Equal Opportunities Committee.

"The whole McGill community should be informed about this vital issue," said Shaughnessy. Currently on maternity leave, Shaughnessy will not resume her position at McGill until the new year.

VP Planning Paul Davenport formed the committee to investigate such issues as "the number of women hired at the university, salaries, and promotion opportunities."

Davenport says this is "an important initiative. McGill should be



Mark's looking for a new job

Students' Society: are they really students?

by Mitu Sengupta

Earlier this month Mark Cameron resigned as Vice President External of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU).

a leader in employment equity."

Shaughnessy will meet with the Québec Minister of Education Claude Ryan December 8 to discuss her portfolio.

It has been ten years since the last gender-equity study was done at McGill. Gillett says the salary discrepancy, at McGill, like most Canadian universities, "is almost one hundred per cent of the time in favour of men."

Gillett hopes the Equal Opportunities Committee will investigate such issues as why women are allowed fewer research grants and contribute fewer publications than their male peers.

Gillett believes that a "forward approach" is necessary in the committee's investigation, an approach that encompasses a woman's "life pattern", which includes bearing and raising children, and often determines her career path.

Gillett said discrimination must also be a vital part of the committee inquiry. "Men are still condescending," she said.

The committee will consist of ten academic and non-academic members. McGill Association of

At the time of his resignation, Cameron said he had "problems with the structure of Students' Society, its staff and executive." But other members of the SSMU Council say the reasons behind the resignation aren't purely political.

Cameron does not meet the most important requirement of the executive—he is not a McGill student. He had planned to take one course in the Faculty of Religious Studies this semester and was given special permission by Associate Dean of Arts Martin Petteer to register late because he was transferring from the Political Science department to History.

Cameron said he ended up not registering for the course because he was not doing well in it and "had already made plans to resign."

According to SSMU President Nancy Coté, Cameron resigned because of his non-student status.

Cameron maintains that he resigned due to political disagreements with other members of the executive over several amendments which were presented to council last month. The amendments were tabled until next semester because councillors said they needed more time to debate the issue.

According to Cameron, these controversial amendments were designed to make the SSMU a more open, democratic institution.

Cameron said he "secretly formulated" these amendments with Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) President Jeremy Boal after a meeting between the ASUS and SSMU executives proved futile. "The ASUS executive had been trying to change the

SSMU constitution for quite a while and set up a negotiatory meeting with SSMU," he said. "Nothing came out of this meeting and I decided to go ahead and formulate several amendments with Boal."

"The SSMU executive found out that I was involved with writing these constitutional amendments and since then, I have been alienated from the executive."

"I basically endorsed these major amendments without telling the Council and executive I was doing so," he said.

According to Cameron, the strategies outlined in the proposed amendments are even more controversial than their broader goal of structural change.

These strategies include limiting the authority and control that permanent, full-time, non-student employees allegedly hold over student matters. These full-time em-

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Palestinian dissident asks for moderation

by Alex Roslin

Fear is the main obstacle to peace in the Middle East, said Palestinian dissident Dr Mubarak Awad in a lecture at Concordia University on Tuesday. Awad proposes increased empathy between Israelis and Arabs and a program of non-violent action to alleviate tensions stemming from Israel's 21-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

Awad, a professor of psychology who studied tactics of non-violent protest with followers of Gandhi in India, opened the Palestinian Centre for the Study of Non-violence in Jerusalem in 1985. But in June 1988, Awad was arrested and became one of many

Palestinians expelled from Israel for political reasons. The U.S. State Department vigorously protested his deportation.

Before an audience of 200 at Concordia, Awad argued that violence and chauvinism are products of fear and desperation. For many Palestinians, "the enemies are not the Israelis but fear," he said.

According to Awad, peace will be achieved in the Middle East by bringing together Israelis and Arabs, preaching non-violence, tolerance and moderation.

"Think of a world beyond killing, beyond hatred. We have to have peace because we are human and we have hope. We have no choice but to move forward—towards jus-

tice and peace," Awad said.

He challenged leaders in Israel and the United States to accept a conciliatory and moderate position towards Palestinians.

At a recent Algiers meeting, the executive National Council of the PLO supported this spirit of moderation in its recognition of UN resolutions 242 and 338 which guarantee the rights of all states in the Middle East to live in peace within secure borders, a move which implicitly recognizes Israel's right to security. The PLO also renounced terrorism in most forms, expressing preference for a political solution, and declared a Palestinian state in the occupied territories.

This increasing moderation has

met with mixed reactions. The *Montréal Gazette* reported that while 23 nations including the European Community have endorsed the Algiers declaration, the U.S. has been wary of the PLO move.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Alon Liel dismissed the move as evidence of continued "adherence to extreme positions." Israeli Montréal Consulate press attaché Annie Myara called the declaration "double talk" and "a public relations ploy."

According to Awad, foreign intervention, particularly by the U.S., has only exacerbated the conflict. "All the American money and military might cannot bring peace. Only the Palestinians and Israelis working together in harmony can bring peace," he said.

Awad was optimistic about the possibility of peace in the Middle East. "Non-violence is talking to the other side," he said of his many talks with prominent Jews and visits to synagogues.

"When we think of justice we do not think of justice for only our-

selves. We also have to think of justice for the Israelis. This is part of a new mentality that is emerging in the Middle East," he said.

Awad expressed some sympathy for Israeli security fears which many use to justify the continued occupation of the Palestinian territories. "A future war in the region would be far more destructive than previous wars because of newer weapons," he said.

According to Awad, the violence of some fundamentalist Arabs is unacceptable. Instead, civil disobedience shows Israelis moderation and serves as a unifying force for Palestinians, he said.

Another obstacle to peace is Israel's violence, which has left 314 Arabs dead and over 7 000 wounded in the last 11 months. Awad speculated that many Jews "are very much afraid of their past, but also of the future."

"Israel is like a child beaten all his life by his father. When he grows up, he will beat his kids," Awad said. "But this can be gradually changed. We are the only hope for the Israelis."



Civil disobedience and media

by Karen Valihora

Lawyer and professor Julius Grey spoke in defence of all acts of civil disobedience last night at the Yellow door, in honour of the Toronto Economic Summit protestors standing trial this week for "trespassing" at their own university last summer.

University of Toronto students' "tent city" is one of few acts of civil protest to get media coverage. Last week's Québec student strike is another. Université du Québec à Montréal's Association of Arts, Literature and Social Science (AGEUCAM) students went to court yesterday for disobeying an injunction making it illegal to protest within 300 feet of their university.

Two days ago SSMU passed a motion to contribute \$800 to AGEUCAM's legal fees, and ASUS will contribute a further \$200, even though McGill students, through

apathy or ignorance, voted against participation in the strike.

Students of McGill University, as represented by SSMU, are supporting the act of civil disobedience itself, though they did not wish to join the province-wide protest.

Julius Grey, while not addressing the issue of Québec loans and bursaries, spoke of the act of protest as every person's inalienable and fundamental right. He called this right "the most important of the check's and balances that exist in any liberal democracy."

"Some will say if you go out to purposely break the law you should have to take the consequences. I think the law should say 'not guilty' by reason of legitimate and limited civil protest," said Grey.

Grey drew on John Rawls's distinction between conscientious refusal and civil disobedience to support his argument.

"Just because a law is passed by a majority of citizens doesn't mean you have to agree with it," said

Grey.

"For example I regard the outcome of the recent Israeli election as a majority vote for racism."

Grey defined conscientious refusal as disobeying "a law towards drivers, he recently represented a man in court who refused to pay years of accumulated speeding fines. Grey believes that if this man found speeding laws objectionable, he had every right to protest them.

The man was sentenced to two and a half years in jail for disobeying the law.

"Belief in natural law as beyond the moral borderlines which man made laws define is safer than a theory of blind obedience," said Grey.

"Civil disobedience can be interpreted as the people's expression, an essential part of the law, a safety valve that says 'this is the limit'. It's just another form of the system of which I have a moral objection, refusing to obey a law you are told to obey."

"For example, I totally disagree

with Bill 101, it's ridiculous. Not that I think it's particularly immoral, but useless. It gets immoral when it starts hindering freedom of expression.

"Its provisions hindering freedom of expression in Québec are morally iniquitous, but I don't break windows over it. I don't go out of my way to break [the law], but I do not obey it. This law does not exist as far as I'm concerned."

But in some cases the simple act of conscientious refusal is breaking the law, for example, if someone chose to 'disregard' federal income tax laws.

"The simplest form of civil disobedience is disagreement," says Grey. The distinction between an act of conscience and civil disobedience "is how strongly you disagree, and so how strongly you choose to protest."

Grey believes the legal system should use its ability to exercise jurisprudence to reinforce the rights of the individual over the collective.

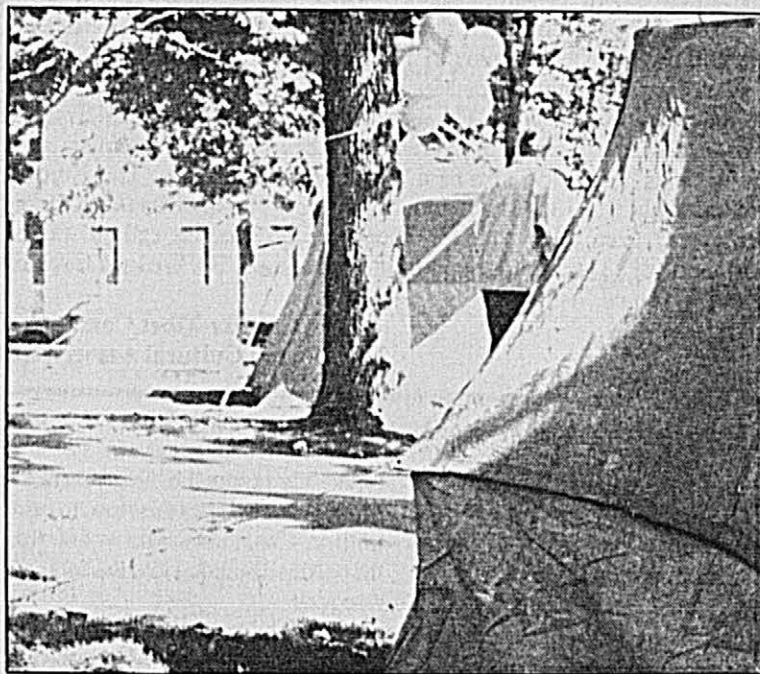
He justified breaking positive law—or state laws—because a higher law exists, a natural—or moral—law. "Positivism is fashionable today, a belief that all binding laws are those made by governments. But the limit to positive law is the natural law, which will prevail over positive law. I will obey the natural law even if I withdraw all recognition of positive laws.

"One is never exempt from natural laws, fundamental things always hold, whether you're a fascist, a liberal, a conservative, or a communist.

"Positive laws are only an expression of what a legislator thinks is best in certain circumstances. But no one can foresee all circumstances. And anyone can imagine a situation where a law would have to be broken."

For this reason, natural laws transcend laws of state and culture. Grey believes in the individual's discretion.

Although Grey personally has no objection to speeding laws for



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Fundraising for Tibet

In 1950, Chinese 'People's Liberation Army' troops invaded the independent Himalayan nation of Tibet. Since then, over one million Tibetans have perished as a result of the occupation, and many more are held today in Chinese prisons. Once a flourishing civilization with a history dating back over 2000 years, the future of the Tibetan people and their rich culture are now in serious jeopardy. Over 100 000 Tibetans have fled Tibet and now live in exile, and more than 6000 monasteries have been destroyed. Tibet's unique environment is now home to Chinese nuclear waste. Referring to the situation in Tibet, Alexander Solzhenitsyn said on Oct. 9, 1982 "China's rule in Tibet is more brutal and inhumane than any other communist regime in the world".

In October, 1987, rioting broke out in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa, underscoring the deep dissatisfaction many Tibetans feel about current conditions in their homeland. Montréal is home to a small community of Tibetans who are deeply concerned about the situation in Tibet. Following the outbreak of violence last year, the Canada-Tibet Committee was formed. Its main purpose is to work in Canada on behalf of Tibetans who are unable under Chinese rule to speak freely about their aspirations. The CTC hopes, with the help of the Canadian public, to persuade the Canadian government to endorse the five point peace plan issued last year by the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual and temporal leader. The plan calls for respect of human rights; the release of all prisoners of conscience in Tibet; a halt to the Chinese population transfer policy which has made Tibetans a minority in their own land; an end to the destruction of Tibet's environment; and for negotiations in earnest between China and Tibet's government in-exile over the future status of Tibet.

On Saturday November 26, the CTC and the Tibetan Cultural Association will sponsor "An Evening in Tibet", in order to introduce the public to the Tibetan community of Montréal, and to inform Canadians about current conditions in Tibet. The evening will feature traditional Tibetan song and dance, fashion, Bhuddist art, Tibetan snacks, literature, and photographs. There will also be a bazaar of Tibetan crafts. The evening will take place at St. Matthew's Church, 4940 MacDonald Ave. in Hampstead, from 19h30 to 22h30. For more information, call 487-0665. A donation of \$3 will go to support the work of the CTC. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

The Canada-Tibet Committee
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Frat boys teeter-totter for tots

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity will be holding a teeter-totter marathon to raise money for the Missing Children's Network.

The event gets underway on Friday November 25 at 18h00 and continues for 54 consecutive hours till noon Sunday November 27.

The members have built their own teeter-totter and installed it outside in the driveway of their fraternity house located at 3505 Peel Street. Twenty-one courageous individuals will brave the cold and ride the teeter-totter for one hour intervals.

They hope to raise thousands of dollars and are counting on everyone's financial support. The public is invited to come and cheer them on while enjoying complimentary hot coffee and donuts at their open-house and to drop a donation into the bucket.

For more info, contact Robert or Patrick at 398-0720.

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Electoral system sucks!

To the Daily:

Our present electoral system is undemocratic and ought to be re-examined.

A glance at the popular vote figures from our last elections indicate 43 per cent for the Tories, 32 per cent for the Liberals, 20 per cent for the NDP and (lest we forget five per cent for the so called "other" parties. Amazingly, with these percentages the Tories obtained 58 per cent of the seats, the Liberals 27 per cent, the NDP 15 per cent and the other parties 0 per cent of the seats.

Anyone gifted with simple arithmetic skills will avow that the minority Tory government is well concealed under our unfair anachronistic British electoral system.

Furthermore, a referendum style election as this last one proved to have been requires a numerical majority to give "the green light" on Free Trade as Mr. Mulroney states he has got.

More strikingly, however, is the ostracization our system (which obviously favors the "Big Brother" parties) provides to the close to one million Canadians who voted for the parties discarded into the "other" category.

Given, however, the new era that has produced the Meech Lake agreement, constitutional and Senate reform, respect for minorities and the possibility of free trade, the time is ripe for a re-evaluation of our electoral system which is out of sync with that of most modern democracies who employ the proportional representation system.

Equally important, the system of proportional representation would allow political minority groups represented by their respective parties in either the left or the right of the political mainstream to have a voice in what would become a more democratic National Assembly.

Let's face it, we proudly claim our uniqueness in being a pluralistic mosaic, and we have taken

such progressive steps such as Meech Lake and free trade, it is indeed about time we took further measures to replace our electoral system with one of proportional representation which would be an indicator of a true democracy. Democracy meaning government by all the people not by some of the people.

Fim Ferreira

Homophobia at dorm.

To the Daily:

I am a resident of Royal Victoria College. Recently someone scratched a lesbian symbol on the wall of one of our elevators. Since then the words "Lesbians fuck off" have been written underneath it and it has been crossed out. We are university students, young and supposedly open-minded. Where did this come from?

Homosexuality is not a sin or a disease. It should not be condemned, neither should it have to be hidden for fear of estrangement or abuse.

My sexuality is an important part of my life, and the thought of having to conceal it both repels and terrifies me.

I am lucky, because I can go through life without that kind of fear. So are many of you. But what about the others?

Next time you hear or read a homophobic remark, or find yourself making one, think about how you would feel if you were on the receiving end of it, and say some-

thing.

Carol Hodgson
Arts U1

Apartheid... and bad journalism

To the Daily:

The "Divestment Demo" article in the Nov. 22 issue shows a serious disregard for good journalism. The article reports on a demonstration protesting economic ties of QIT to South Africa. The only part that

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Cost of transportation on the rise

Students fare poorly in metro

by Dan Hogan
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As part of its recent "expansion of services," the Montreal Urban Community Transit Corporation (MUCTC) has been promoting a new magnetically striped pass which the user glides through specially equipped turnstiles. What the MUCTC hasn't been promoting is the new pass's price—\$32.60 starting January 1989.

Many students argue the current \$29.75 monthly fare is already too high. Only those under 18 are eligible for the reduced fare of \$11.50. Some are willing to fight the MUCTC on this issue, but they may find they have a long hard fight on their hands.

McGill Student Society (SSMU) President Nancy Coté and Concordia University Students Association (CUSA) co-President Andrew Madsen would like to see the MUCTC offer lower fares for all students, regardless of age. Madsen says he and

dia student Le Hoang. "If we had lower fares, then we'd have more money for food and other necessities."

Students shouldn't expect lower fares for two to three years, Madsen added. That's how long it would take "to pull something like this off."

So far, the MUCTC has given no sign of changing its position.

"At first glance, it's difficult to foresee a freeze or reduction for student fares during a period of financial difficulties," said Jean-Luc Moisan, a press attaché to MUCTC chairperson Robert Perreault.

The transit corporation has projected a \$33.5 million deficit for next year's budget and has warned that figure could reach \$93 million by 1993 if a funding solution isn't found.

Just to maintain present services, the MUCTC will have to increase spending by about five per cent, or by 10 per cent if it starts major repairs on its aging fleet of vehicles.

Because of rising costs, Moisan said the MUCTC has no plans in its budget to

lobby for lower fares for all students.

Coté says student groups at the University of Toronto, York, and Ryerson tried to get lower fares, but ran into difficulties convincing Toronto's transit authority.

The groups conducted student surveys and "the results were unanimous" she said. "Everyone wanted lower fares."

It would take two to three years to pull something like this off

David Hemmings, a fourth year Concordia commerce student, has doubts CUSA could successfully pressure the MUCTC to lower fares for all students.

"John Abbot college tried that four years ago," he said. "The students protested adult fares for students over 18 by paying their fares in pennies. But the MUCTC wouldn't budge."

Madsen hopes to make the MUCTC budge by inviting Québec's largest student coalition, l'association nationale des étudiants et étudiantes du Québec

tion for not living up to its commitments on more affordable public transit. MCM policy has shifted from its original free public transit position to its current one which says fee increases should be in line with cost of living increases.

Perreault justified the MCM's position at the American Public Transit Association conference, which Montréal hosted last month.

"The MCM has revised its original platform before the 1986 election. Free public transit is not in our program anymore."

At least the MCM lived up to its commitment to no fare increases during their first year in office, he added.

Giguere and Perreault do agree on one point—the province should kick in more money for public transit.

The MUCTC wants the Québec transport ministry to increase its contribution by the four to five per cent annual inflation rate—the same increase in users' fares. However, provincial funding for the MUCTC is expected to decrease by 1.6 per cent.

Giguere suggests another way the MUCTC could come up with the extra revenue needed to subsidize lower fares for all students. Schools, businesses and industries which benefit economically by being close to Metro stations should also contribute to the MUCTC's budget. MCM Councillor Abe Limonchik and the users' lobby group Transport 2000 have made similar proposals, but the city has so far taken no action on a public transit tax for businesses.

Madsen said the special business tax "sounds good but brings up a lot of difficulties." Métro dépanneurs, for example, might not be able to afford the tax. Some believe the MUCTC manages ex-



Coté will approach the MUCTC within the next few weeks to discuss the possibility of freezing or lowering fares for high

increase the age limit for the reduced student fare. But he added Perreault "rarely refuses meetings with groups and can

(ANEEQ) to support lower or frozen fees for all students.

Francois Giguère, an ANEEQ central council member, said the coalition would be open to Madsen's and Coté's proposal, but other student associations in the Montréal region would have to vote on it before the proposal became policy.

Giguère would like to see lower fees not only for students but also for low-income people, welfare recipients and the elderly.

He said ANEEQ's Montréal regional council has always been for a freeze in MUCTC fares. Madsen also favours lower fares for the economically disadvantaged.

"Welfare recipients deserve a break too."

MCM LETS FOLKS DOWN

Giguère blames the city's Montreal Citizen's Movement (MCM) administra-

isting funds inefficiently. A fourth year Concordia civil engineering student, who preferred not to be named, was an MUCTC maintenance worker for the past four summers.

"When they get two people for one afternoon to put one screw in the floor, that's a waste of money." He estimated 70 per cent of MUCTC workers and management are inefficient.

The MUCTC counters charges of inefficiency by showing that over the past three years, worker absenteeism dropped to six from eight per cent, according to a press release.

As well, the release says maintenance efficiency has increased because the number of workers per 10,000 square metres has decreased to 12 from 13 over the same period.

The price is high for students because they don't have any income. If we had lower fares, then we'd have more money for food and other necessities

school, CEGEP and university students.

"We realize the MUCTC has a funding crisis right now," Madsen said. But he and Coté will try to negotiate with the MUCTC "to work out a reasonable solution for everyone."

Many students are fed up with the rising cost of getting to school by Metro.

"The price is high for students because they don't have any income," said Concor-

certainly discuss" the lower fare proposal with Madsen and Coté.

LOBBYING AGAINST BRICK

While they believe their proposal has potential, other student leaders across Canada have run into brick walls trying to

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merits reproach is the fourth paragraph, which states, without quotes and as if it were an unarguable fact, that "QIT helps Pretoria pursue its exploitation of labour, racism and repression within South Africa, as well as the 'War of Destabilization' against neighbouring free black states." This may or may not be the case. However, it should not be printed as an unchallengeable fact. A more careful reporter would have given a direct quote from one of the protesters, reminding the reader that all opinions are open to challenge. Also, a more balanced treatment would have included the comments of the company involved and the arguments against disinvestment. Such a treatment would have avoided a simplistic "good vs. evil" analysis and not have irritated readers with a heavyhanded and politically biased approach.

David McIntosh
Medicine

Turner speak

To the Daily:

The Canadian election having become a referendum, I feel we should examine some of the facts concerning its connection with the Free Trade Agreement.

Having been asked to resign from the party leadership at least three times, Liberal John Turner's recent political career has been rocky. This should be very clear with the publication of *A Reign of Error*, a harsh criticism of his performance as Liberal leader.

In desperate efforts to salvage the party from his incompetence, he has turned to a denunciation of the present government and the Free Trade Agreement.

This coincided with pressure on the Conservatives to call an elec-

tion. Indeed, the document had been drawn up for months before Turner began a very anti-Free Trade campaign. Free Trade has since become virtually the only election issue. This alone should be unacceptable to Canadians.

Hearing opposing talk from Turner rightly made the people desire further knowledge. He used this position with some lies and misinformation to create unsubstantiated but strong anti-Free Trade sentiment and hence anti-PC opinion. (Repeated Liberal lies of Free Trade threats to social programs (themselves of questionable value) had to be dispelled by such people as Justice E. Hall, largely responsible for Canadian medicare, who correctly assured Canadians that Free Trade has nothing to do with medicare. Identically there is no connection between other social programs and Free Trade.) This was manifested in last week's voter poll giving the Liberal Party greatest popular support.

Yet the total lack of basis of Turner's claims was strongly evidenced by the subsequent 65 point fall of the Canadian dollar price and 75 point drop in the TSE average. What we witnessed was a reaction to the success of a dishonest and false campaign.

If John Turner had less pride he would have resigned years ago when his own party members first wanted him to, instead of later wrongly creating a referendum out of the near election. Those who truly respect Canadian well-being will see through this undignified ploy and judge John Turner on the facts of his leadership, not the lies.

Cameron Wakefield
Science U3

The problem with Dan

To the Daily:

Frankly I am scared...

...but then again, so are most Americans. The prospect of possibly having Danforth Quayle as the president of the United States probably sends a shiver down many a bone. The United States should abandon all defense spending and instead spend the money on the sole defense of George Bush's health thereby insuring him a long life (at least four more years.)

What exactly is wrong with Dan? Why are people so worried? Is it because he is so young? Or is it because he has so little experience? Oh, I forgot. He has as much experience as Jack Kennedy did when he ran for the White House. But, surely Mr. Quayle is no Jack Kennedy.

Maybe people are just jealous that he avoided Vietnam because he had "connections" and instead, was lucky enough to join the National Guard. Or perhaps, people just don't like the fact that his wife seems to know more about politics than he does.

Whatever the reason for these feelings of animosity towards Mr. Quayle, we're stuck with him. Or rather, our friendly neighbors to the South are...

Jamie Golombek
Management U1



...are they students

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employees are paid through student money.

The amendments proposed that a Staff Review Committee be set up "to review all complaints received by the Executive Director concerning Society staff." The Review Committee would consist of four student councillors, the SSMU President, and the Executive Director as chairperson.

At present, no such committee exists and all complaints are reviewed solely by the Executive Director, who is himself a paid employee.

The amendments also propose that the Executive Director not attend Executive Committee policy meetings, except at the request of the President. Currently, the Executive Director acts as Secretary in all Executive Committee meetings. These meetings are also closed to the student body.

Cameron said this particular amendment aims to channel power back into student hands. "There's often a sort of blurring of staff and student roles. I think political deci-

sions should be left up to students," he said.

But Coté disagreed with Cameron. "All decisions are made by students—without interference by the full-time staff," she said.

Coté said the permanent staff provided "continuity" for student representatives who are elected on a yearly basis. "I can learn of events that happened several years ago from these people," she said, adding, "We do consult them on financial matters sometimes—but all decisions are left to students."

Coté said a Staff Review Committee like the one outlined in Cameron's amendments may violate the letter of agreement SSMU has with the University. According to this agreement, SSMU full-time permanent staff "are appointed on University appointment forms and are entitled to the rights and privileges of University employees."

"I don't know that SSMU employees can be subject to student review under such an agreement," she said. Coté said the legalities of the proposal must be looked into before being passed by Council.

Another amendment would enable students to initiate changes to the SSMU's Constitution and By-Laws. A Student Initiated Referendum does not require Council endorsement and can go directly to the polls if the referendum question is supported, on paper, by a minimum of 500 student signatures.

At present, such changes can only be made through Council Initiated Referenda, which require formal approval by two-thirds of Council before being presented to the student body.

According to Cameron, "this is the only really democratic way of bringing about change in a university where the average voter turnout is only 10 to 15 per cent."

In a previous interview with the *Daily*, Coté stated her main objection to this proposed change. "We have to be careful in defining what a constitution is, and that substantial changes are not subject to passing fancy," she said.

"However, it will be up to the Council to decide whether the amendments are reasonable," she added.

..civil disobedience

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checks and balances, as essential as all other checks and balances. It's the reason we have a democracy.

"We don't have a popular democracy, we have a liberal democracy which puts a limit to popular power, through such institutions as the Supreme Court, it recognizes that the majority is just as likely to do harm as a minority."

"In the present situation, the only check on government power is the Supreme court, or the provinces." Grey compared expressions of protest from such legitimate institutions as provincial governments with acts of civil disobedience perpetrated by organized groups, saying they all serve the same purpose.

"Brian Mulroney won the free trade referendum with 42 per cent of the popular vote, but Manitoba said today they would oppose Meech Lake, so what's happening now is he's getting Free Trade at the expense of Meech Lake."

"The Conservatives won 63 out of 75 seats in Quebec, but look outside of Québec, and you'll see they won 111 to 107 seats in the rest of Canada."

"Today, the only way a government can stay in power in Canada is by pleasing Québec. The Liberals lost Québec, so they lost the country."

Grey believes French Québec voted Conservative because they were "brainwashed" by a media controlled by big business, whereas the rest of Canada could listen to the objective

coverage of the CBC.

Grey said the CBC can preserve the objective coverage of the media, because it does not depend on advertising from big business. "The public broadcasting system is a great system," he said.

"Pariseau, Bourassa, and even the left wing intellectuals were all for free trade, and so were all the french newspapers, and the french CBC. The only people in Québec who were against it were the trade unions, and no one listens to them anyway."

"Free trade was not nearly so popular in the rest of Canada, because there were objective voices.... *The Gazette* was liberal until the publisher intervened. Not all media was united."

To Grey, it is the plurality of opinion that can be expressed in a democracy, be it through politics, legislation, media, big business, unions, or individual disobedience, that grants democracy its legitimacy. All these forces serve as checks and balances to state law.

"Civil disobedience is a legitimate and necessary part of the legal system," says Grey. "The powerful have expensive lawyers who think of clever ways to manipulate positive laws in some way. The natural law protects the weak. It is a moral law against which all positive laws must be judged."

"It is a fundamental human right not to obey a law, a basic right to dissent from society on any particular issue, to say 'I'm sorry, the majority cannot dictate that for me.'"

EVENTS

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...pay equity studied

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Union Teachers (MAUT) and McGill University Non-Academic Staff Association (MUNASA), have been contacted for their input, and the Senate Committee on Women (SCOW) will have representation on the committee.

Gillett is optimistic about the ef-

fects of the Equal Opportunities Committee. "There is an opportunity here. Let's not waste it," she said.

The committee will be actively studying women's situation at McGill through 1989. According to Davenport, their report is expected next fall.

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Divestment demo stops Shell recruitment

VICTORIA (CUP) — About a dozen picketers protesting a Shell recruitment drive at the University of Victoria claimed a moral victory when the company moved its interviews off campus at the last moment.

Said Shell official Peggy Flannagan, "We were concerned about the comfort of the people we were going to talk to. The (Canada employment) offices are very cramped."

The demonstrators gathered in front of the offices of the Canada Employment Centre (CEC) November 15 to protest Shell Canada's parent company, Royal Dutch/Shell's activities in South Africa.

But before the rally even began, organizers were met by CEC employees and told that Shell had arranged to meet elsewhere.

Flannagan said there was no connection between the planned demonstration and the move.

But CEC manager Inno Vatter thinks otherwise. He said Shell has always interviewed students on campus in the past. "As far as I know, Shell changed its mind because of the protests."

Royal Dutch Shell, which owns 79 per cent of Shell Canada, supplies fuel to the South African military and police. The company co-operates with the white minority-rule government by agreeing to abide by laws which allow South

Africa to take over Shell's operations in the event of a national emergency, according to anti-apartheid activists.

The legislation also forbids Shell from disclosing how much petroleum it supplies to South Africa and for what purposes.

Shell further obtained the right to export coal from South Africa by promising to maintain oil supplies, according to a 1979 statement by the Minister of Economic Affairs.

Royal Dutch/Shell has investments of \$500 million in South Africa, including the country's largest oil refinery and more than 800 gas stations. Shell controls the offshore station through which most of South Africa's imported oil is delivered and jointly owns an oil pipeline with the government. The Congress of South African Trade Unions called for a boycott of companies operating in their country in 1985.

"International pressure... including divestment or the threat of divestment is an essential and effective form of pressure on the South African regime and we support it," reads a COSATU statement.

Both the Canadian government and the United Nations have called for an embargo of South Africa by oil producers.

Protesters remained outside the CEC office for several hours, hoisting signs reading "Shell fuels Apart-

heid," "Shell divest from Apartheid," and "Get off our campus."

CEC manager Vatter downplayed the incident. "I can't decide for students who they should or shouldn't work for. What I do know is that in the '60s, students fought hard to remove the parental role of the university. I feel that most of them would object to our starting it again."

Organizer Terry Padgham of the Southern Africa Action Coalition said "it's very significant that (Shell)

didn't show up. I guess as people they don't feel comfortable talking about apartheid. That tells me they're acknowledging guilt."

But Flannagan, speaking from company headquarters in Calgary, said that isn't so.

"We've got a whole public relations department to talk about our business activities and we're not ashamed of our dealings anywhere. The fact is that Shell Canada is an independent subsidiary of Royal Dutch operating in Canada alone.

We have nothing whatsoever to do with South Africa."

The company was looking for computer science graduates, and met with at least eight students.

Protest organizer Bob Arbuss said UVic probably has an ongoing relationship with Shell Canada, "hiring co-op students or buying oil and gas."

UVic accounting employee Diane Restall confirmed Shell supplies the university with oil and gas.

Frats fight for life

by David Sloboda

VICTORIA (CUP)—Last year, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity established a chapter at the University of Victoria, this year they are demanding recognition as an Alma Mater Society (AMS) 'social group'. The AMS Board of Directors has refused.

Lise-Lotte Loomer, VP Services, said the AMS does not recognize or provide funding for clubs which are elitist, discriminatory in membership, or charge membership fees.

"Since AMS funding is provided by all the students of UVic, we cannot support a club that will exclude certain members," she said.

The President of the Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta, Iain Taylor, believes the frat is no more dis-

criminatory than any other club recognized by the AMS.

"Phi Delta Theta is not an elitist group," he said. No applicant has been turned away from joining Phi Delta Theta. He added that, "a complimentary sorority is being formed by interested women."

Taylor cited guilt by association as the reason behind the bad reputation of some fraternities, adding that few people know about the extensive regulations the fraternity has prohibiting hazing or alcohol abuse.

Taylor said Phi Delta Theta wishes to adhere to its own established guidelines and not those of the AMS. As students contributing AMS fees, fraternity members

would like to be recognized in the AMS handbook as a social group available to students, but not seeking AMS funding.

T.O.G.A., the Organization of Greek affiliates, set up a table September 14 outside a university building without AMS approval. James Miller, vice president of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity's Beta Chapter and other fraternity members said the table was set up to provide information for those interested in joining the fraternity.

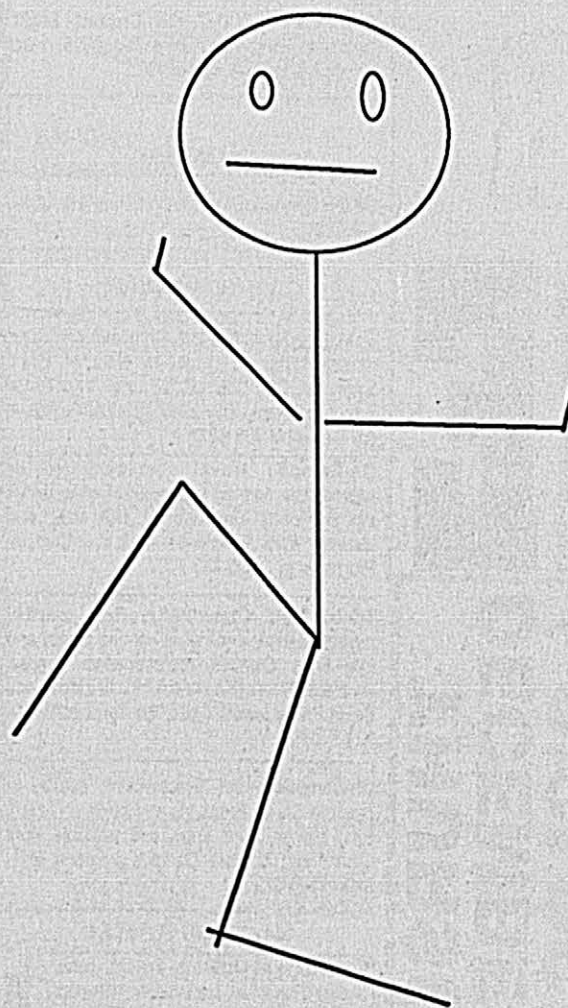
"The table didn't get removed because they weren't causing any harm and no one had the time to remove them," said Loomer. "Their having a table does not mean we approve of them in any way."

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